

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mount Pleasant Players are to hold a meeting Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Charles G. Senesay, 1553 Otis place northwest. A number of officers are to be elected at this time, and the club will consider offers which have been made by organizations throughout the city to have the players present productions under their auspices.

Declaring that there seemed to be an epidemic of stealing from the postal service, Justice Gould of the District Supreme Court yesterday declined to grant the request of Attorney D. W. Baker to place on probation William J. McGeary, a former postal clerk, who admitted a charge of rifling the mail. McGeary was sentenced to one year's imprisonment at Occoquan.

The exhibition of two honorable discharges from the United States Army saved Arthur W. Johnson, colored, from being sentenced yesterday by Justice Gould in Criminal Division 1 for stealing brass worth \$1.06 from the United States navy yard.

Edward H. Hogan, 400 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, has been appointed a captain. Quartermaster Officers Reserve Corps, U. S. A. He has just received his commission from the War Department.

Dr. Caswell Crane of Johns Hopkins University is to give an illustrated lecture, "The Busy Ant," Monday evening at 8 o'clock at Friends Church, 12th and Lat streets. This is the seventh of a series of lectures of the Fellowship Union lecture course at the church. The public is invited.

An amateur minstrel show is to be given under the auspices of the Young People's Union of Second Baptist Church Friday evening in Odd Fellows Hall. The program includes three specialties—the American-Hawaiian Trio, Zeh Clark, the "Whistling Coon," and Pistorio's Orchestra.

Olga Smith, fourteen years old, Thursday morning ran away from her home at The Plains, Va., and came to this city. William Smith, her father, telephoned the police and the child was located. She was taken home by her father. She had been in the hands of a woman who had become tired of living in the country. Her father took her home yesterday.

H. F. Taft, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, announced today that a competent typist had been installed in the main office of the company to assist patrons in the preparation of their messages. No charge is made for the services of the typist. The company has accepted tips from patrons whom she may serve.

The annual banquet of the King Bible class of the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church was held last night in the church hall, 14th street southeast, with about 200 men in attendance. The banquet was served by women of the church.

A committee of 100 colored business and professional men met last night at a meeting in the colored Y. M. C. A. on 12th street to aid the race in working effectively for the future. The committee was organized by Dr. J. H. Williams, president of the Y. M. C. A., and will be in charge of the race throughout the United States.

Fidelity to the flag and the nation was pledged by West Virginians resident in Washington at a meeting of the West Virginia Society last night at the New Ebbitt. In a speech, bristling with patriotism, Representative Stungis, of West Virginia, implored his auditors to stand firmly behind the President. Resolutions pledging the loyalty of those present were adopted unanimously. Henry F. Baker, president of the society, presided.

Miss Violet Warren Pearson presented a musical program at the New Ebbitt last night in the white parlor of the New Ebbitt House. As a final act, she presented a musical program, "Your Flag and My Flag," by Wilbur D. Nesbit, after which the audience sang the national anthem. The program was presented by William T. Pearson at the piano.

A child playing with matches yesterday afternoon started a fire in a room on the second floor of the house of James P. Lucas, 27 Hanover street. Firemen extinguished the fire after about \$5 damage had been done.

Milton Rubio, a Filipino, who was employed as butler at the residence of Charles L. Marlatt, 1521 14th street, was arrested last night by Detectives Berman and Cornwell and charged with the grand larceny of a diamond ring worth \$250. The ring was found in the pocket of the man in his employer's house about a year ago and sold it to a woman. The man's family did not miss the ring until this week, and Rubio was quickly arrested. He will be arraigned in Police Court Monday.

Dr. J. E. Moorland, senior international secretary of the Y. M. C. A., is to address the Twelfth Street Branch of that organization tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. His subject being "The Challenge." This will mark the opening of a membership campaign which is to continue until May 2.

"That all judges, with the exception of federal judges, should be subject to recall by popular vote" is to be the subject at the annual interclass debate between the freshmen and senior classes of the National University Law School this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the lecture hall of the school. Nathaniel Curtis, editor of the Francis I. Hildebrand will support the negative for the Richard H. Alvey Debating Society, and William H. Zuck, William I. Swanton and Earl H. Smith will uphold the affirmative for the Samuel F. Miller Debating Society.

The April meeting of the Georgetown Citizens' Association is to be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock at Potomac Hall, Wisconsin avenue and M street.

Washington Chapter of the Mount St. Mary's Alumni Association is to give a dinner at the University Club Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Edward P. Allen, for many years president of the college at Emmittsburg, Md., Rev. Mr. B. J. Bradley, now president, several members of the faculty and a number of out-of-town alumni are expected to be present.

As the Marine Band will be otherwise officially engaged Monday, the concert at the Marine Corps barracks will be omitted on that date, it is announced by Lieut. William H. Santelmann, leader.

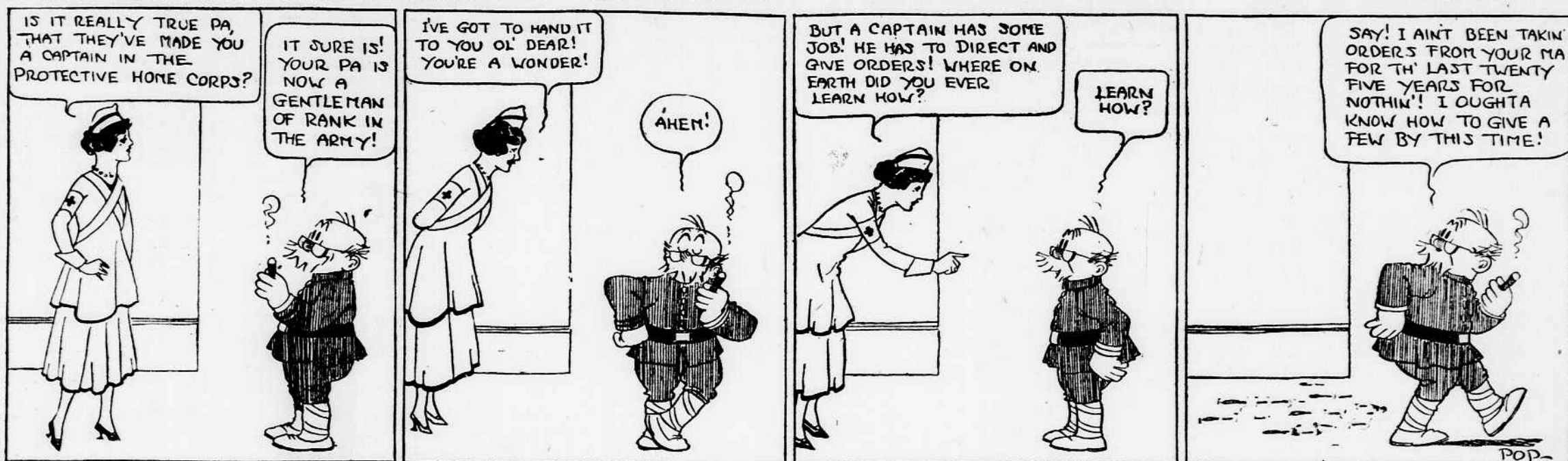
The automobile of Representative E. R. Keiss of Pennsylvania, who resides at the Army and Navy Club, last night about 11 o'clock collided with an automobile belonging to Lech Ritt, rear of 1221 23d street, at 17th and M streets. Both machines were damaged and a lamp post was demolished. Occupants of the automobiles were not injured.

August Nicholson, fifty-five years old, Newington, Va., who is employed as clerk in the War Department, was knocked down by an automobile while crossing at the intersection of 15th and D streets yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock, and seriously injured about the head. He was taken to Emergency Hospital, where it was said an X-ray will have to be taken to determine if the skull is fractured. The automobile that knocked him down was operated by Miss Ruby A. Orrison, a clerk in the Department of Agriculture.

"The Genius of America" is to be the subject of an address by Newell B. Woodworth of Syracuse, N. Y., president general of the Sons of the American Revolution, at a meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of the District to be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Washington Club, 17th and K streets northwest.

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KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES—We Agree With Pa.



WOMEN NOT 'ENLISTED' IN THE ARMY OR NAVY

War Department's Statement on Points Raised in Communication to The Star.

Opportunity to set forth the facts as to "enlistments" of women in the army and navy, and the relative pay of soldiers and sailors compared with pay of women who are now aiding in the army and navy, is furnished by a communication to The Star from Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith.

"I have heard many people wondering why there are not more men willing to enlist in the army and navy," Mrs. Smith writes. She then explains that the single women that "enlist" receive \$72 a month, "while the men with families that enlist receive the large sum of \$15."

Inquiry proves that many people are under the impression Mrs. Smith has of the matter.

Not "Enlisted" Is the Answer.

But women, either single or married, are not enlisted in either the army or navy, the War Department points out, and married men, especially those having many children, are not enlisted in the army, except in rare instances, the policy being to enlist only young unmarried men, or young married men without children or dependents (the wife being independent financially).

As to pay, soldiers in their first enlistment get \$15 a month in cash, and are supplied free with food, clothing, lodging, medical attendance, amusements, etc., amounting in all to about what the average working man would get in private employment. Pay and allowances are increased by length of service and promotion, many non-commissioned officers getting about \$90 a month.

Of course, women are employed in the army as nurses and in munition factories, but they are not enlisted as such. The rank and file of the army, as limited by law to able-bodied male citizens.

Services as "Yeomen" Explained.

Neither are women actually enlisted in the navy. Recently, in order to meet the stress of war preparations, the Navy Department adopted the policy of utilizing the services of women as "yeomen" in the navy in order to release the men employed for service aboard ships in commission. These women, however, were "enrolled for their total compensation about \$72 a month, and allowances of \$12.50 for shelter and subsistence, etc., making their total compensation about \$84.50 a month. Their actual pay is increased by length of service and efficiency. Because of the strenuous character of the work it has been limited practically to the young and vigorous.

TO SUPPRESS BETTING IN D. C. ON HORSE RACING

Chamber of Commerce Committee Decides to Frame Bill for Introduction in Congress.

Decision to have a bill introduced in Congress by which it is planned to suppress betting in the District or in connection with horse races, was reached at a meeting of the committee on municipal legislation of the Washington Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon. The committee was empowered at a recent meeting of the chamber to take such action as was deemed necessary to prevent the dissemination in the District of information relating to horse racing.

The bill was designed to remedy this condition which was considered at the meeting yesterday. The committee decided to adopt the draft and have a subcommittee of the committee on municipal legislation of the chamber to draft a bill. Other members are to be announced later.

The bill as drafted would make it unlawful for one to have in his possession within the District of Columbia, or to bring or send into the District, any instrument or device for making bets or for the purpose of disseminating information in respect thereto, any slip, sheet, card, handbill, newspaper, periodical, magazine, book, pamphlet, drawing, device, design or contrivance whatever, containing information as to bets or odds on horse races, or tips for the purpose of betting thereon, or information whereby any person can determine the result of which will aid any person in determining the bets made or odds given on horse races, or tips as to betting odds thereupon.

The bill provides for punishment by a fine of not more than \$100, or by imprisonment of not more than six months in the workhouse or jail, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Spring Enthusiasm

Measure Before House Committee

A bill designed to put a stop to the business competition with local business houses by outside concerns which send representatives to do business here by means of hotel exhibits, etc., has been referred to the District committee of the House. It was written by Representative Johnson at the request of Washington merchants. It also is designed to put an end to fictitious "assignments" sales, "closing out sales" and similar pitfalls by providing that no such sale shall be advertised until the facts shall have been closely scrutinized by the District Commissioners.

The measure provides that itinerant vendors from other cities shall deposit \$500 with the District government, which shall remain on deposit for sixty days after the sale closes; that a tax of 15 per cent on the samples of stock carried shall be levied and collected, and that the merchant shall pay \$200 a day license fee while the sale continues.

At present out-of-town firms can send a representative with samples to Washington and take orders for goods and pay nothing but a tax of 15 per cent on the value of the stock carried in this city.

BILL DESIGNED TO STOP UNFAIR PRACTICES IN D. C.

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CITY ITEMS.

Sweet Wrinkle Peas, 12 1/2c; Fish Roe, 15c; Asparagus, 15c; O. Molasses, 15c; 24 lbs. Old-time Flour, \$1.35; Wonder Tea, 29c; Perfection Blend, 49c; Wonder Coffee, 50c; Evap. Peaches, 10c; Prunes, 10c; Regina Peaches, 14c; Peanut Butter, 15c; Head Rice, 75c; 4 pkgs. Oats, 25c; Gold Medal Wheat Food, 25c; 25c Pa. ave. and all the J. T. D. Pyles Stores.

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WAR HASTENS CUPID'S CALL.

Lemuel B. Miller, Jr., of U. S. S. Syl- via Weds Miss Mamie Hughes.

Miss Mamie C. Hughes of Newport News, Va., and Lemuel B. Miller, Jr., of Washington, were married Monday in Baltimore, with Rev. Charles M. Eyster officiating.

The couple were to have been married May 30, but when Mr. Miller, first-class quartermaster of the U. S. S. Sylvia in Baltimore, was called to the colors, the date was advanced.

ARMY MEN AT HORSE SHOW.

Military Hunting Class to Be Feature of Program.

With announcement that a special class has been arranged for the District's mounted guard, the National Capital horse show, which will hold its annual spring meeting May 5 to 10, has made public the program for the military feature of the show.

There is to be a military hunting class, open to officers of the regular military establishments of all countries; separate classes for lightweight and heavyweight chargers; an event for heavyweights between three and four years old, suitable for chargers, and a class made up of three officers each of the army, navy or militia, which will compete for the so-called army challenge cup, presented by William N. Dykman, president of the Brooklyn Riding Club.

Conditions governing the class for the District mounted guard provide that the horses must be owned by the riders or to the government and that the officers or enlisted men competing appear in uniform. Jumping, schooling and conformation will count, while prizes of \$25, \$10 and \$5 will be awarded the winners.

TAKE UP WAR RELIEF WORK.

Women of Fairfax County, Va., to Aid the Red Cross.

The women of Fairfax County House, Va., had a meeting Thursday at the home of Mrs. John S. Barbour, and arranged preliminaries for the formation of the women of Fairfax county into bands to take up war relief work. It is stated that the work will be done in connection with the Red Cross.

The school authorities of Fairfax county are planning a county-wide campaign for domestic preparedness. The first meeting will be held in the Oakton schoolhouse on the night of April 20, and speakers of national reputation are expected to be present and show the necessity for cultivating all the land possible.

SENTENCES ARE PASSED ON SEVEN BY COURT

Confessed "White Slaver" and Two Young Highwaymen Among Those Sent to Penitentiary.

Walter L. Holbruner, a confessed "white slaver," has been sentenced by Justice Gould, in Criminal Division 1, to serve three years in the penitentiary. Holbruner lived in Baltimore, and was charged with bringing a girl to Washington to be sold for purposes of prostitution.

Earl Hackley and Norman Hackley, young highwaymen who robbed two stores in different parts of the city, were also sent to the penitentiary yesterday by Justice Gould. Earl was given five years and Norman three years at Atlanta.

Powell Bastell, colored, convicted of a recent burglary, was sentenced to 3040 New Hampshire avenue, was given six years in the penitentiary by Justice Gould.

Four years each in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed by Justice Gould on Joseph Harrison and Emanuel Brown, alias "Blue Dick," colored. The men were charged with procuring \$200 from Adelaide Jones by persuading her to give them the money to enable them to make division of a sum in a pocketbook which they told her they had found.

Because of the crippled condition of Harvey Eden, charged by the police with teaching young boys to ride bicycles and dividing the profits, Justice Gould declined to send him to prison, and quickly released him. Eden, but placed him on probation. Eden admitted the charge and promised to leave Washington.

Chamber Committee to Meet.

Several matters of importance are to be brought before the committee on police and fire protection of the Washington Chamber of Commerce at noon next Wednesday in the rooms of the organization. Nathan B. Williams is chairman and William B. Hardy is vice chairman of the committee. Other members are Maj. Raymond W. Pullman, superintendent of police; Capt. Thomas Judge, Morgan Bradford, August Brill, A. Brylawski, George H. Chandler, M. J. Cook, W. R. Froehner, C. W. Gill, H. S. Hill, George H. Judd, Clarence S. Kessler, Phil King, Ralph W. Lee, Dr. Harry S. Lewis, E. McEntire, Robert E. Mann, E. H. Neumeier, Jr., Albert Schulteis, M. A. Winter, Isaac Freund, John J. Noonan and Edw. S. Brashears.

Confer on Platinum Supply

Secretary Redfield will confer Monday morning at 10 o'clock with prominent New York jewelers, members of the Jewelers' Vigilance Committee, upon methods of conserving the supply of platinum in the United States, the necessity for which is brought about by the war. The delegation of fourteen jewelers will be headed by Dr. George Kunz of Tiffany's.

Bride Bouquets in Newest Styles.

All choice flowers. Shaffer, 900 14th st.—Advertisement.

Firemen Strip Gold Decorations.

Who's who in the District fire department no longer can be ascertained from the shoulder straps on the uniforms. There has been a wholesale discard of gold decorations and straps in accordance with the new military regulations prohibiting use of the insignia of the United States military forces by other than these forces. Similar changes are being made in the uniforms of the Fire Chief Wagner is at work on a new design for the local uniforms, which probably will consist of a cluster of fire trophies.

TO MOVE TELEPHONE OFFICES.

Business Force to Be in New Quarters Monday.

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Hymen Loses; License Returned.

Because the bride's parents objected to the marriage, Kenneth C. McGregor, twenty-one years old, has returned for cancellation a license purchased by him last Wednesday. The name of the bride-not-to-be was given as Marian E. Ballinger, nineteen years old. Col. William A. Kroll drew red lines across the application on the register and indorsed across the page "canceled by request of applicant."

"13" Plays Role in Marriage.

The number "13" is to be inscribed deeply in the lives of Roy S. Lane and Laura E. Simpson, who secured a license to marry Friday, the 13th of April. The application for the license is written on page 13 of the license register and bears the serial number 78,013. The letters in the wife's name are thirteen in number and the same number of letters are required to spell the name of Rev. Howard Stewart, the officiating minister.

TO RAISE FUND OF \$135,000.

John H. McFadden's Plea for U. S. Ambulance Service in France.

After more than two years of service in the American ambulance field service in France, John H. McFadden, treasurer of that organization, has returned to this country to raise a fund of \$125,000 sorely needed at this time for new equipment for the field service, and will lecture tonight at the New Willard Hotel on "The American Ambulance Corps in the War."

Mr. McFadden, who is the son of a Philadelphia cotton merchant and art collector, points out that many of the original machines employed in this service have been worn out or destroyed, and there is need for a much increased equipment to help in the work of saving the lives of the wounded soldiers of France.

The lecture will be illustrated by slides reproduced from photographs taken by himself on the firing line of France, and four reels of moving pictures, given him by the French government to aid in his campaign in this country.

Fred M. Wighington Gets Divorce.

Absolute divorce is granted in a decree just signed by Justice Stafford in favor of Fred M. Wighington against Ida A. Wighington. The husband was represented by Attorney William H. Holloway.

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AMUSEMENTS.

Dr. Gordon's Subjects:

Sunday, April 15

11 A.M.—"Is the Modern Preacher Up to Date?"

8 P.M.—"The Kaiser's Conspiracy and America's Answer."

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